

WJZ-TV
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Station WJZ-TV, licensed to CBS Television Licenses LLC, is responsive to the principal issues in its community of license, Baltimore, Maryland on a continuing basis. A variety of program elements, including regularly scheduled news and public affairs programming, reports on breaking news events, documentaries, specials, and public service announcements of concern to the community are included within our regular programming service. WJZ-TV's coverage of news stories, our employees' participation in community affairs, and regular interviews with community leaders have led to the determination that the issues listed are ones of importance to the Baltimore community. Our most significant programming, which dealt with current community issues during the preceding three-month period, are set forth in this report. WJZ-TV broadcasts both locally-produced and network programming. Although we include only local programs herein, WJZ-TV also broadcasts several network broadcasts including FACE THE NATION, 60 MINUTES, CBS REPORTS and 48 HOURS.

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CONSUMER WATCH

WJZ reporters cover consumer interest topics. These reports air in the 4pm, 5pm and 6pm newscasts.

HEALTHWATCH

WJZ's reporters discuss health issues and interview experts and patients to deliver information on the latest advances in health for our 4pm, 5pm and 6pm newscasts.

SPECIAL REPORTS

Locally produced special reports, focusing on community issues, local lifestyle trends and local personality profiles. These air in the 4pm, 5pm, 6pm and 11pm newscasts.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS OUTREACH

Relevant projects launched by community organizations to benefit area residents.

ON TIME

A half-hour, Sunday morning public affairs program that airs at 6:30AM, focusing on leaders, issues and events, affecting the Baltimore community.

HEALTH

Health Eyewitness News did a story on...

January 2: In today's WJZ Healthwatch-- fighting the spread of hospital super bugs just got easier. Johns Hopkins has a new weapon... Disinfecting robots!

January 3: A warning from health leaders tonight... Hospitals across Maryland are seeing a spike in the number of people coming in with flu like symptoms.

January 9: In today's WJZ Health Watch -- flu season is in full swing and health experts predict we haven't even seen the worst of it yet. 41 states including Maryland are reporting widespread cases of the virus.

January 10, 11,12 & 14: The flu is running rampant. It's already sent thousands of people to the hospital. Across the country-- 20 children have died. Tonight, the growing concerns here in Maryland. Emergency rooms and health clinics are packed... And the peak of the season isn't even here. This year's flu is now considered an epidemic and Maryland is one of the states impacted. The flu is spreading fast across the nation. Health workers across the country

and here in Maryland say the number of cases have reached an epidemic level. Now, health workers in our area are scrambling to open free flu clinics.

January 15: Sugary drinks have been under fire for the part they play in the fattening of America. Coca Cola is now weighing in...saying it wants to be part of the solution to the obesity epidemic.

January 16: A new government report is raising more concerns over energy drinks. It shows more people are heading to the emergency room after drinking them.

January 17: Knee pain. It's something that millions of Americans deal with everyday. Tonight, we ask the expert about this painful subject.

January 19: Maryland's health department is confirming the state's first pediatric flu death.

January 22: In today's WJZ Health Watch -- good news in the fight against cancer. Not only are fewer people being diagnosed with the disease, more are surviving once they get it.

January 28: A health warning for Marylanders tonight-- a dangerous strain of the highly contagious "norovirus" is spreading fast.

January 29: After the trauma of losing both arms and legs to a roadside bomb in Iraq, an army veteran now says he has a second chance at life. It's been made possible with two new arms transplanted in a Johns Hopkins surgery.

January 30: A Maryland epidemiologist says health officials waited nearly a week to tell the state about a potential link between a steroid shot and cases of fungal meningitis.

January 31: A volunteer firefighter from Prince George's County suffers a devastating injury during an accident on the Capital Beltway... but a successful surgery re-attaches his arm.

February 2: Students and staff at an Eastern Shore high school are being urged to get tested for tuberculosis.

February 7: A Loyola University Maryland undergraduate student is in stable condition at a local hospital recovering from bacterial meningitis.

February 14: Perhaps America's best known A-L-S patient lives here in Baltimore. O.J. Brigance has helped to raise awareness and now, a company executive is putting millions into trying to cure the disease.

February 15: She's the mother of an Olympic champion who's found time to focus on her health. Debbie Phelps is joining the battle against a silent killer of women. In tonight's health watch, she says it all starts with a 60-minute checkup.

February 21: Pancreatic cancer...it's deadly and on the rise. Tonight, we ask the experts about this dangerous disease.

February 25: Big changes are coming if you smoke and go to Orioles and Ravens games. Beginning March 4th fans will no longer be allowed to smoke in any areas inside Camden Yards and M&T Bank Stadium.

February 27: Heartbreak...One of Maryland's most promising politicians is devastated when his 52-year-old wife develops Alzheimer's. Tonight, Prince George's County Executive Rushern Baker shares their personal story.

March 1: McDaniel College is extending the hours of its wellness center in response to a G-I bug that is impacting the campus.

March 4: A medical breakthrough could save millions of lives. Researchers, including a Baltimore doctor, claim they have cured little girl who was HIV positive.

March 7: Growing healthy kids... By growing healthy food. First Lady Michelle Obama's White House garden is doing just that with the help of some Baltimore schoolchildren.

March 10: A new study sheds light on how the flu virus is spread. In tonight's Health Watch, a Maryland doctor leads the groundbreaking research.

March 11: A partnership of health care and community organizations takes on the challenge of better care for people living in West Baltimore.

March 12: In tonight's WJZ Healthwatch, Johns Hopkins Hospital is one of the largest multiple sclerosis clinical and research centers in the world. Tonight, two people there who battle the disease every day say there is cause for optimism.

March 14: Loyola University is dealing with rare outbreak of the mumps. More than a dozen cases of mumps have been reported in the past month.

March 15: A frightening new twist in the rare case of a Maryland man who died from rabies. The CDC says he contracted it from an organ transplant.

March 16: A rabies outbreak impacting hundreds of people, including some in Maryland, grows tonight.

March 18: New details today about a man whose rabies infected organs were transplanted into 4-people...one of them a Maryland man.

March 19: Nearly two dozen people are being urged to get rabies shots-- in connection with the rabies outbreak that killed a Maryland man.

March 20: Another year... And Howard County residents prove to be the healthiest in the state. The county has held the top spot for the past four years.

March 21: When spring warms up, allergies will heat up and it promises to be a sneezy season. Pollen counts are expected to soar.

March 24: New information in the case of a Maryland man who died of rabies last month. Transplant guidelines that hadn't yet been published could have saved his life.

March 25: There's progress for advocates of medical marijuana.

March 26: Today is diabetes alert day. It's a one day wake up call for the country - asking millions to take a diabetes risk test. In Maryland - where 86 percent of adults are overweight - it's a critical moment - just ask the Warrens.

March 27: Many patients are familiar with the once-a-week allergy shot that staves off the sniffles, sneezes and runny noses. But, patients in Europe don't have to make that trip to the doctor every week.

ON TIME

February 10: Kai Jackson talks with Linda Kohler, executive director of NAMI Baltimore about mental illness and the problems with accessing care. She discusses the scope of the illnesses from mild cases of depression to severe cases of schizophrenia and that 1 in 4 people over their lifetimes are affected by mental illness. She discusses the need for early intervention and access to mental health programs.

February 17: Kai Jackson talks with Dr. Steven Crawford about the definition and diagnosis of eating disorders. Dr. Crawford discusses how this mental illness is treated and how body image is at the root of the problem. He tells Kai about several upcoming events including an afternoon event with super model Emme.

February 24: Kai Jackson talks with gastroenterologist Michael Cox about colorectal cancer, how it's diagnosed, how it can be treated and how it can be prevented. Dr. Cox discusses that colorectal cancer is the 3rd leading cause of cancer deaths yet it can be prevented if caught early through screening. He discusses how the disease disproportionately affects African Americans who need to begin screening earlier than age 50.

March 3: Kai Jackson talks with Rose Kaplan whose infant son died from end stage renal disease and Dr. Sumeska Thavarajah about the causes of Kidney Disease. They discuss the role of the kidneys, how to prevent kidney disease and how the disease is screened. Dr. Thavarajah discussed how African Americans are affected by Kidney Disease as the result of hypertension and diabetes.

March 3: Men get breast cancer too. That's the message behind the Baltimore City Cancer Program's new survivor's calendar that features 2 male models. Rhonda Silva, the director of the city program mentions how the disease also strikes men although not as many compared to women. Don Lucas recounts how he was diagnosed, treated and reacted to being a breast cancer survivor featured in the new calendar.

March 10: Many people struggle with weight issues and nutrition/fitness expert Dr. Felicia Stoler tells Gigi Barnett how making smarter choices can cut down on calories and improve health at the same time. She explains that many processed foods have ingredients that are bad for health and pack on calories. Healthy eating can be achieved by making healthier choices using palm oil, nutella, baked not fried chips, and whole grain instead of white pasta. She references her book, Living Skinny in Fat Genes, and explains how she overcame her unhealthy weight which was a prevalent problem in multiple generations of her family.

March 24: Kai Jackson talks with Annette Hottenstein and Greg Hinkle about the different types of diabetes and how this disease is a silent killer. Mr. Hinkle discusses how technology helps him monitor his blood glucose levels and how an insulin pump delivers insulin to balance his blood sugar levels. They discuss how type 2 diabetes is on the rise and how it can be prevented by diet, exercise and maintaining a healthy weight. They discuss the upcoming Diabetes Screening rally and the Tour de Cure bike riding events that raise money for diabetes.

March 24: The Hearing and Speech Agency has been serving Marylanders for over 87 years. Jeri Hessian and Rodney Toulson tell Kai Jackson about the agency's programs that help infants to seniors with hearing and speech issues. They discuss their Gateway School which helps children with autism who have speech disabilities and how hearing problems usually affect speech in some manner. They discuss their upcoming event, VIBE, that is honoring Bob Turk as the Communicator of the Year for his promotion of his hearing loss that lead to a cochlear implant.

March 31: Alzheimer's disease continues to affect more and more everyday yet remains underfunded on a national level. Cass Naugle, director of the Maryland Alzheimer's Association and J. Joseph "Max" Curran III explain to Kai Jackson what is being done on a local level to raise money for caregiver and research projects.

Arts, Culture, Community - Eyewitness News did a story on

January 2: After 17 seasons in the N-F-L--the greatest Raven of all time Ray Lewis, announces he'll walk away after this season.

January 3: The sad, empty lot between the science center and Rash Field will soon be full of color and music again now that a new operator has been chosen to put another carousel there.

January 7: A Baltimore landmark with centuries of history is getting a much needed face lift. A 7 million dollar renovation means so much for the Clifton Mansion.

January 9: A landmark church opens its doors to same sex marriage. Tonight, we talk to the head of the national cathedral in Washington D-C.

January 10: A Prince George's County company is playing a pivotal role in the 57th inauguration. Tonight, a first look at some of the decorations, designed for the big event.

January 14: From humble beginnings 23 years ago, the Everyman Theatre has grown, and outgrown every place it called home. Its new home opens tonight.

January 18: Coming clean...Lance Armstrong admits to doping during his seven Tour De France wins. His admission is drawing strong opinions from local cyclists who looked up to him.

January 19: Tragedy on a Caribbean cruise sponsored by the Orioles. Earl Weaver suffers an apparent medical emergency and passes away at the age of 82.

January 21: This is the time of year many model railroad lovers are packing away the trains and tracks they pulled out for the holidays. But there's a group in Baltimore where the trains never leave the tracks.

January 22: You can relive those exciting moments from the Orioles season. The team is releasing a season highlight D-V-D called "The Buckle Up Birds, An Underdog Story".

January 22: Writer and director John Waters, breathes new life into his famous Baltimore based production "Hairspray." Tonight, we sit down with the Baltimore native, who has more on the concert version dancing its way to the Meyerhoff.

January 23: A classical story brought to life on stage. This week Disney's Beauty and the Beast premiered at the Hippodrome. Tonight, we catch up with Belle and the beast.

January 24: You may know Kal as the political cartoonist for the Baltimore Sun, but his drawings are known around the world. Thanks to a unique website, he's well on his way to getting a major retrospective into print.

January 25: One of the stars of the CBS daytime show "The Talk" is on T-V hill today. Sheryl Underwood is appearing tonight and tomorrow at a local comedy club but first stopped by WJZ.

January 27: If you have a little extra time and a call-of-the-wild... The Maryland Zoo in Baltimore could use your help. The zoo's annual volunteer search is underway and you could put your wild side to good use.

January 29: The Maryland House of Delegates is mourning the loss of its senior member. Baltimore District 45 Delegate Hattie Harrison died last night. Tonight, more on her outstanding service.

February 7: As many of you know - this Sunday on CBS - the very best in the music business will compete for the Grammy's, and a local artist is grabbing the ears of Hollywood!

February 15: It's a history lesson wrapped into artwork. A Baltimore artist is paying tribute to little known African American inventors for Black History Month.

February 17: Inspirational stories at today's Black History Oratory Contest. For year's WJZ has been a proud sponsor of this event...this year-- we get to showcase some very talented students.

February 18: It takes skill to engage a crowd with just words, but 14-year-old Joshua Campbell did just that at W-J-Z's Black History Oratory contest.

February 20: A symphony unlike any you've ever heard before. Soulful Symphony is preparing for their performance at the Hippodrome this Saturday.

February 21: You see them in costume....but rarely get a look at the people inside....they're the mascots of Baltimore's pro and college sports teams....but this weekend is your chance to go behind the masks.

February 22: It might be an old table, or painting or some jewelry....if you love antiques the Crowne Plaza in Timonium is the place to be this weekend. It's an antique show with a purpose.

February 25: If you live in Maryland, D-C, or Virginia you're probably familiar with the "Bayou." In its heyday the Georgetown nightclub hosted the likes of Billy Joel, U-2, Kiss, and Eddie Murphy. A just released documentary explains why a place closed many years ago still lives on in the hearts of many.

February 26: Dozens of lucky Ravens fans own a bit of NFL history tonight. People lined-up at Timonium's 'great moments' to get an autograph from the first Raven to be inducted in the Hall of Fame, Tackle Jonathan Ogden.

February 28: On this day - Baltimore area Catholics hold special masses around the city to honor Pope Benedict the 16th.

March 5: There's now a Maryland casino offering table games. Hollywood Casino in Perryville is officially the first casino in Maryland to offer table games.

March 7: For many years Baltimore's inner city neighborhoods have been plagued by a lack of supermarkets and healthy food options. But in one neighborhood that's about to change with the opening of a new full service grocery store in East Baltimore.

March 9: She's one of the most famous slaves in American history. Now- 100 years after her death... Harriett Tubman is finally getting the honor she deserves.

March 13: Conditions favorable to life. That was the data beamed back to earth from Mars. It was an historic find buried in the Martian past and it was made possible by people right here in Maryland.

March 14: NASA's announcement this week that there was once water capable of supporting life on Mars was big news. But smaller scale research is underway in Baltimore, that could point the way to life on Mars today.

March 15: A Baltimore business owner honored in a unique way. Businessman Sunny Mcusker, the owner of Nacho Mama's, died last year. Now iconic beer Natty Boh is honoring Mccusker in a special way.

March 20: Table games at Maryland casinos are expanding... The high stakes games open next month. The state's largest casino says it will now be able to compete with casinos in Atlantic City and Las Vegas.

March 21: According to Trip Advisor's popularity index...Camden Yards is number 3 in the top 10 ballparks in America.

March 22: She was America's sweetheart at two Olympic games... But may be best known for her performance in the musical Peter Pan. This weekend Cathy Rigby is again playing the lead character in a run she says truly will be her final act.

March 25: The Baltimore Aquarium sets an opening date for a brand new exhibit. It's all about sharks! The exhibit, called the "Blacktip Reef" is slated to open July 10th.

March 26: A Baltimore cultural icon is one step closer to the wrecking ball. The Morris Mechanic Theatre is no longer protected by a city preservation board.

March 27: Harriet Tubman, the legendary conductor of the Underground Railroad, is memorialized in her home of Dorchester County.

March 29: Spring is here....finally....and it's a great times to stop and smell the flowers at the Rawlings Conservatory. This year's spring flower show will take you back to a beloved Baltimore icon.

March 30: Holy week is continuing across much of the globe. In Baltimore-- a mass was held at the Baltimore Basilica continuing to celebrate Easter weekend.

ON TIME

January 6: Gigi Barnett talks with Joaneath Spicer, the curator who organized the Walters Art Museum's current exhibit, "Revealing the African Presence in Renaissance Europe." She discusses how this exhibit raises questions about the role of race during the Renaissance and how famous artists of this period included a variety of Africans in their paintings, showing a diverse population. She also discusses how one member of the prominent Medici family was depicted with African features.

January 20 & February 3: Kai Jackson talks with Baltimore-based Pulitzer Prize winning author Taylor Branch about his new book, "The King Years: Historic Moments in the Civil Rights Movement." Mr. Branch explains that in his new book he selected 18 pivotal moments in the Civil Rights movement that had a profound impact on the country. These selections came from his "The King Years" trilogy. History teachers had asked him for a condensed version of his lengthy narrative history on civil rights. He discusses his new online course that he is teaching on this subject through the University of Baltimore.

January 20 & February 3: Memphis-born playwright Katori Hall's "The Mountaintop" is being performed at CENTERSTAGE. Actors from the production, Myxolydia Tyler and Shawn Hamilton, tell Kai Jackson about their characters in the fictional play based on the last night of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s life. They discuss the importance of recognizing Dr. King as a man who had human struggles and, yet, was someone who accomplished great things in his lifetime.

February 17: Now in its 11th year, the Murphy Fine Arts Center offers a state of the art performance site that attracts national performers. Dr. Eric Conway tells Kai Jackson about their spring line up of dancers, singers and entertainers starting with Sweet Honey in the Rock, an a cappella women's vocal group.

February 24: The Art of Storytelling: Lies, Enchantment, Humor & Truth, is a new exhibition at AVAM, the American Visionary Art Museum, featuring art from self taught intuitive artists. AVAM founder Rebecca Hoffberger and AVAM artist Judy Tallwing, tell Kai Jackson about the artworks featured in the exhibition. Judy Tallwing explains how she creates art using Native American medicine materials with energetic properties to form the White Spirit Bears – the centerpiece for the current exhibition – that warns against putting an oil pipeline through the pristine wilderness in the NW Canada.

March 24: Shirley Basfield Dunlap tells Kai Jackson about Morgan State University's upcoming production of The Color Purple. As the director, she was responsible for casting the play and interpreting the work by Alice Walker. She talks how the college play is unique and different from the movie and Broadway version.

Consumer – Eyewitness News did a story on... Housing

January 7: If you are looking to buy a home in Baltimore City, some help is on the way. Mortgage giant Wells Fargo will now offer thousands of dollars in down payment assistance to qualifying homebuyers.

January 10: Big changes in the rules for mortgages are being unveiled in Baltimore. Federal regulators unveiled them in a public hearing downtown.

March 11: It's out of almost all of our price ranges.. But a recent real estate ad caught our attention. Tonight we take a tour of this one of kind home at the Inner Harbor.

March 19: Homeowners, listen up...B-G-E is giving away free trees!!! It's handing out 9,000 trees, first come, first served to help cut down on energy use.

Jobs

February 7: It's time to update Maryland's workforce. That's what supporters of a job training bill are telling lawmakers in Annapolis.

February 20: Plundering secrets for profits, and hard targets. Experts say going from cyber espionage to cyber war is only a few clicks away. That risk is also generating job opportunities here in Maryland.

February 27: The federal government is one day closer to billions of dollars in budget cuts that will cost thousands of Maryland jobs.

March 18: Maryland employers added 67-hundreds jobs in January, picking up the pace from the end of last year. Businesses added 53-hundred jobs in December.

March 24: Changes in U-S mail delivery have letter carriers outraged. If you live in Baltimore-- there's a good chance your postal worker traded in their mailbag for a picket sign.

March 29: Some good news today for Maryland job seekers. Over 10,000 jobs were reportedly added last month.

Economy

January 2: Chances are you know someone affected by identity theft. Now, the problem is rapidly growing among children. Tonight- Maryland is leading the way to protect your kid's credit.

January 3: NFL football dominates Maryland this weekend-- the Ravens and the Washington Redskins compete in home playoff games on the same day... For the first time in history! And those big games mean big money for Maryland-- with millions expected to pour into the state.

January 4: When Superstorm Sandy rolled over the east coast, Maryland was largely spared... But there was enough damage to attract the attention of the federal government. Now some clean up money is coming our way.

January 5: As the Ravens get ready to face the Colts in the playoffs, businesses are prepping for the crowds.

January 9: Tickets for the Orioles 20-13 season go on sale next week-- and fans should like the prices.

January 10: Do more liquor stores mean more violence? Some Baltimore officials say yes.. now they're considering a new zoning proposal that could put more than a hundred stores out of business.

January 11: It's been a big success in the past, so a push is underway now to bring the Volvo Ocean Race back to Baltimore. It could also bring in millions of dollars.

January 12: After a heated controversy, the public can now check the accuracy of safe-zone speed cameras online. It's an effort by the State Highway Administration to make information more accessible and accurate.

January 14: Making money off that empty beer can or soda bottle. That's the incentive backers of a nickel deposit bill hope will pay off in a new state law...and a cleaner Maryland. But it first means paying a nickel more per container.

January 14: A record number of Baltimore County restaurants are cooking up some delicious deals as restaurant week kicks off today! Food lovers aren't the only ones cashing in!

January 19: Governor Martin O'Malley's offshore wind proposal may be moving forward.

January 22: There's a new push to bump up Maryland's minimum wage.

January 23: Business owners are cashing in on fans who want all things Ravens.

February 5: Drivers in Baltimore are losing more than one-and-a-half-billion dollars every year due to gridlock.

February 7: Even though it promises money and jobs, efforts are underway to keep fracking from Maryland. At least until the risks are evaluated. The controversial drilling technique has freed up huge reserves of natural gas...as well as worry.

February 10: Triple-A says we could see 4-dollars a gallon by the spring. The recent spike in prices is blamed on rising crude oil prices and refinery maintenance and shutdowns.

February 15: Baltimore's own Under Armour is headed to Harbor East. A brand new flagship store opens its doors this weekend.

February 16: Baltimore County police shut down a Dundalk flea market. More than a dozen vendors are accused of selling fake merchandise.

February 17: Another milestone for the region's busiest airport. BWI-Marshall is reporting record passenger and shipping numbers for 2012. Tonight, more on why business keeps soaring.

February 18: They've changed Charm City's sky-line and now four massive cranes at the Seagirt Marine Terminal mean big money for Baltimore's port.

February 20: Tough tradeoffs, that's what Mayor Stephanie Rawlings Blake says it will take to pull Baltimore City out of a dire financial situation.

February 25: The countdown is on-- we are just a few days away from 85 billion dollars in federal budget cuts. Maryland could get squeezed more than most states because of number of federal workers in our state.

February 26: Massive, across the board government spending cuts are set to kick in... In just three days. And those cuts could have a painful impact right here in Maryland.

February 27: Tonight - there are signs The Baltimore Sun could be getting a new owner. What's black and white and red all over - red ink - that is - makes a sell-off seem highly possible.

February 28: Mediocre and poor... that's how a new study labels Baltimore city streets. Tonight, details on how the bad roads are costing you more money each year.

March 1: Those massive budget cuts are going to hit Maryland hard. Tonight a look at who will suffer here.

March 2: The largest, automatic spending cuts in American history are now in effect. Billions of dollars are slashed from the federal budget. WJZ has complete coverage of the cuts, and how they will hit the economy here in Maryland.

March 3: Complete coverage of the federal budget cuts continues... Tonight, more on the local impact. Extensive coverage of how the federal budget cuts will affect Marylanders.

March 4: Pain at the pump. Lawmakers in Annapolis are taking on a controversial plan to increase the gas tax! The governor says its necessary-- to pay for better roads.

March 5: Controversial new gas tax plan is making waves across Maryland tonight. Over the next three years... that tax could go as high as 16-cents a gallon! Tonight, we break down the proposal, and what it means for you.

March 7: A scam targeting the elderly causes one man to give away \$400,000 in six years after he says he was told he'd receive more a million dollars in prizes.

March 9: They are called "food deserts"... neighborhoods in Baltimore with no access to markets or healthy food options. A new supermarket is filling the void in one East Baltimore community.

March 12: Construction on the coming Baltimore casino has been halted. A Baltimore circuit court judge ordered the work to stop until a hearing scheduled for Friday.

March 13: Police say more than one-and-a-half-million dollars worth of counterfeit shoes, phone accessories, shirts, CD's and other items were seized during a raid at the Plaza Flea Market in Baltimore County.

March 15: When it comes to the family budget, the cost of gas can be a strain. In Annapolis, legislators have now taken up a bill to increase the gas tax for the first time in 20-years.

March 18: It's the first time in 18 years Howard County collected guns for cash. Residents who turned in a weapon were given one hundred dollars cash in exchange.

March 19: Concerns about stricter gun laws in Maryland has people running to gun shops to buy weapons.

March 20: Big cuts to the fire department, but a raise for city workers and a decrease in property taxes. Those are some of the highlights of Mayor Rawlings-Blake's new budget.

March 21: A push to raise Maryland's minimum wage by almost 40% falls short at the state house. A senate committee voted down a bill to hike the rate to 10-dollars an hour... but supporters aren't giving up.

March 22: The F-A-A announces it will shut down the air traffic control towers of five smaller Maryland airports-- because of the government's forced budget cuts.

March 23: Here at home-- things are looking up, with more jobs and new residents. A new report shows Baltimore's economy is improving. Some of the action comes from the city's sports teams.

March 26: It may soon cost more to park in some city owned garages in Baltimore. The city's parking department says it's the cost of doing business.

March 30: Deep budget cuts in Washington are grounding the military's Blue Angels and Thunderbirds. Business owners in Baltimore say the canceled shows will take thousands of visitors and dollars with them.

March 31: It's considered the geographic center of downtown Towson, but for two-years Towson Commons has been sitting vacant. Now, the retail space is getting a primary tenant and expected to boost area business as well.

ON TIME

February 17: The Baltimore CASH Campaign offers low income taxpayers the opportunity to have their taxes prepared for free. Sara Johnson and Francesca Jean Baptiste tell Kai Jackson how many profit making tax services have hidden fees for services Baltimore CASH clients can get for free. In addition to offering tax preparation services at 15 sites in Baltimore City and County, Baltimore CASH also works with their clients to set up savings accounts.

March 10: Gigi Barnett talks with Joan Marshall about the state's two college plans which allow adults to set aside money in dedicated education accounts that are tax exempt. She explains the benefits of each plan and how both can be used to attend most colleges both in and out of state. The plans allow for parents, grandparents, relatives or friends contribute to the education programs. One plan allows parents to lock in college costs at today's rate. The deadline to apply for one of the programs is early April. The other has no deadline to apply.

Local Politics

January 1: History is made across Maryland today. For the first time same sex couples can be legally married in the state.

January 2: It's the second day same-sex couples can legally marry in Maryland -- and many are taking advantage of the new law.

January 3: Should Maryland's capital punishment live or die? That promises to be one of the big battles among lawmakers this year in Annapolis.

January 5: In light of the Aurora shooting and the Sandy Hook school massacre that killed 20 students and six adults...questions linger concerning guns and the mentally ill. Maryland launched a task force to look at the issue.

January 7: Say good-bye to speed cameras in Baltimore city. Every one of them will be taken down... Temporarily.

January 8: Just hours to go before Maryland lawmakers converge on the statehouse for the start of this year's legislation session...and they've got a lot on their plate.

January 9: The Maryland General Assembly opens its 2013 session today... And there's no shortage of hot button issues.

January 10: Fixing highways and bridges to improve traffic is a top goal of many Maryland lawmakers.. but how to pay for those improvements could be one of the biggest debates in this year's legislative session.

January 14: Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley takes his push for tougher gun control laws to another level... saying he is not going to wait for the federal government to try to make Maryland safer.

January 15: Repealing the death penalty in Maryland. Governor O'Malley gets more support for his controversial bill.

January 16: After crunching the numbers, Governor O'Malley unveils his proposal for the state's 2014 budget. Tonight more on how the numbers add up.

January 17: Maryland lawmakers tackle a controversial appeals court ruling on dog bites. Tonight, the latest on the legal status of pit bulls in the state.

January 18: A battle over gun control looms in Annapolis... Governor O'Malley unveils his gun control legislation and critics are already challenging the scope of it.

January 19: At a time when lawmakers around the country are considering tighter gun control measures, some weapons owners are thinking of ways to protect their second amendment rights. Today, gun ranges across the country mark the "first national gun appreciation day."

January 21: The chairman of a Maryland committee that oversees traffic laws wants tougher laws for people who drive and use their cell phones...

January 23: Marylanders voice their opinions on the bigger issues facing the General Assembly this session. The results of a new Gonzales Poll may surprise you.

January 24: Maryland Senate President Mike Miller has a plan to raise money for state transportation projects. Miller wants a three percent statewide sales tax on gas... which would be paid by wholesalers and felt indirectly by drivers.

January 25: State leaders are talking about raising the gas tax to 5-cents per gallon on gas sales for local transportation projects.

January 30: Today Governor O'Malley delivered his state of the state address. Tonight, we're there for the ceremonial look at Maryland's status.

January 31: Governor O'Malley's gun control bill gets raked over the coals in Annapolis today. Members of the house and senate say it amounts to a poll tax.

February 7: The ACLU is testifying before Maryland's senate judicial committee today in favor of a bill to stop the MTA from using the audio recording capabilities on the six video cameras mounted on each bus.

February 10: Former Governor Bob Ehrlich's wife, Kendel, may soon announce her plans for the Anne Arundel County Executive seat. Kendel Ehrlich is expected to appear at a forum for candidates seeking to replace former county executive John Leopold.

February 14: Repealing the death penalty... Today, Governor Martin O'Malley testifies in Annapolis to stop capital punishment in Maryland.

February 18: Governor O'Malley's proposal to ban assault weapons is surely one of the most controversial items on the agenda in Annapolis.

February 19: In Maryland-- Prince George's County is taking aim at gun shows. The county has cancelled all gun shows for now because of proposals to change state and federal weapons laws.

February 20: Baltimore's most famous doctor-- in the national spotlight-- after criticizing President Obama. Now tonight- Dr. Ben Carson speaks only to WJZ In his first local TV news interview.

February 22: An offshore wind bill that would require utilities to buy renewable energy credits has passed in the house.

February 27: You may want to keep a close eye on what your children post on the internet. There's a new push in Annapolis to criminalize so called cyber bullying. It's all part of an effort to stop online cruelty among teens from turning tragic.

March 5: Faulty speed cameras at the center of a debate in Annapolis. Critics are calling for major changes to the state's system after thousand of bad tickets were issued.

March 7: A group of Maryland lawmakers take steps to outlaw cyber-bullying. Tonight, how a bill to prevent harassment of minors on the internet came about.

March 14: Grass is getting greener in the Maryland General Assembly, as more lawmakers seem willing to vote in favor of changes to existing law over medical marijuana.

March 15: State lawmakers are a step closer to passing a budget in Annapolis.

March 18: An Anne Arundel county councilman wants residents to have the right to bear stun guns.

March 19: A bill green lighting offshore wind power is headed for the governor's desk. After years of trying, supporters found the votes in the state legislature last night.

March 20: Those automatic federal cuts are starting to be felt here in Baltimore. It's all because Democrats and Republicans could not compromise.

March 21: Top law enforcement officers back Governor Martin O'Malley's gun control legislation. Tonight, the latest on a controversial issue that could go down to the wire.

March 22: The House of Delegates votes to raise the price of gasoline here in Maryland. Tonight, more on how much more you could be paying to fuel up.

March 24: Lawmakers are trying to up the punishment for those who talk on hand-held cell phones while driving.

March 25: State lawmakers are cracking down on drivers who talk on handheld cell phones when they are behind the wheel.

March 26: Lawmakers are on the third leg of a Democratic leadership push to get a gas tax hike passed before the end of the of the session. Some senators are concerned the bill won't do what it promises.

March 28: A Maryland Senate panel approves the gas tax hike.

March 29: Gas prices in Maryland are going up. Late this afternoon the governor's gas tax bill sailed through the full Senate.

ON TIME

January 13: Kai Jackson talks with Joseph DeMattos about the effects that the Affordable Care Act will have on long term care with respect to those on Medicaid and Medicare. He discusses the benefits of the health reform as more people will receive health care coverage. While elected officials dodged the fiscal cliff, they did not address the trillion dollar debt and looking at cutting Medicare and Medicaid programs will leave more people vulnerable.

January 13: To prepare for the 2nd inauguration of President Barack Obama on January 21, Tom Saunders tells Kai Jackson about plans to hold special events in Baltimore to capitalize on the increase in tourism in the region. Along with the National Great Blacks in Wax, his organization, Renaissance Productions and Tours, is sponsoring both a Harriet Tubman Tour and a War of 1812 Tour that documents the contributions of African Americans. Those events are followed by a Jazz Cabaret at the wax museum and conclude with an inauguration ball at the Douglass-Myers Maritime Park on the night President Obama is sworn in for his second term.

March 17: Kai Jackson talks with F. Michael Higginbotham, author and law professor at the University of Baltimore School of Law about his new book, Ghosts of Jim Crow: Ending Racism in Post-Racial America. Professor Higginbotham discusses how racism still exists in American society in both a systemic and cultural arena. He mentions several recent incidents from the murder of Trayvon Martin to a swimming pool manager in Philadelphia that refused to allow an African American child to use its facility. He offers suggests that more discussion on race needs to take place with both African Americans and Caucasians.

Community - Eyewitness News did a story on...

January 1: While the Ravens gear up for their first round playoff game this Sunday, Baltimore is preparing too!

January 2: A new report shows the Chesapeake Bay's health is improving.

January 3: Can you name a beer brewed in Baltimore? Many people have trouble coming up with name. A recently opened micro-brewery hopes to change that.

January 4: From handcuffs to a helping hand. It's a direction Baltimore police are trying with the help of neighborhood clergy. It's not so much policing from the pulpit, as it is finding an ally.

January 5: Starting now, motorists traveling the Interstate 95 corridor near White Marsh will have a new traffic pattern to contend with.

January 7: King tides. If the name isn't familiar, it's because they don't happen every day. But king tides are happening in Maryland later this week, and the state is asking the public's help to document them.

January 8: Fan fever is spreading as the Ravens get one step closer to the Super bowl. Sunday's win over the Colts has the team heading to Denver this weekend for the divisional playoffs. Tonight... more on the efforts to paint the region purple.

January 9: Ravens fans are supporting their team in a lot of different ways....and that includes the youngest fans. For the second straight year, they're sending letters to the players on their favorite team.

January 10: It's been nearly a month since 26 people were killed in a mass shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary in Connecticut. As the town continues to come to grips with what happened Loyola's national champion lacrosse team is helping them heal.

January 11: It is the night before the Baltimore Ravens' duel in Denver-- and the stakes are high! In just hours-- the purple birds take on the Broncos-- in a playoff game that could be the last for legendary linebacker Ray Lewis.

January 14: If you've seen a bit more pink and green sprinkled in with all the purple... It's because an international sorority has come two town for its national founder's day celebration. Their mission means good deeds being spread around the city.

January 15: Soon the Mall In Columbia will have a new look. They're following a trend seen here and around the country called de-malling and it's changing Howard County.

January 16: It's a day marked by music, dancing and crowds of people to honor the life of one man; dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Tonight, new details on the festivities.

January 21: A group of Carroll County students are honoring the man who lost his life fighting for a dream. Tonight, what they're doing to continue Doctor King's work in their own communities.

January 22: Get ready for black jack, poker and other table games. Two months after Maryland voters approved expanded gambling... Casinos are gearing up for a big change. Tonight... We go behind the scenes.

January 23: The Grand Prix of Baltimore is labor day weekend, but preparations have been underway for months...

January 25: It's the most delicious time of the winter....Baltimore Restaurant Week is getting underway tonight. This year's edition is bigger and better than ever..

January 26: Baltimoreans turn out in droves at a bone marrow drive not to just help those battling leukemia, but one of their own. A local priest is at the center of it all.

January 27: In Baltimore, M-and-T Bank Stadium is welcoming a few other teams to town. The city has been selected to host an international soccer match. Tonight, what the honor means for the city's soccer fans.

January 30: Drivers in Baltimore are consistently confronted by panhandlers. Now the city council considers a crackdown.

January 31: Everything takes a starting point, and this last day of January marks the first day of the "Reclaim The Bay" campaign. The goal is big...and is counting on all of us to pull off.

February 7: Thanks to the Baltimore County Public Library, now you can download more than 100 magazines for free.

February 9: M&T Stadium is changing the way it does business after several dangerous incidents during the Ravens Super Bowl celebrations. To avoid similar situations in the future, Ravens officials say they'll only hold ticketed events so people know ahead of time if they can get in.

February 9: The 2013 Motor Trend Auto Show is kicking off downtown.

February 10: A dog from Anne Arundel County is competing in the Westminster Kennel Club.

February 12: Senator Ben Cardin is calling for the establishment of national parks honoring Harriet Tubman.

February 14: Marylanders now have four new Dorchester County sites to drop off oyster shells for recycling. The shells are used in oyster restoration efforts.

February 15: Here in Baltimore-- residents are celebrating the re-opening of the Furley Recreation Center after three years.

February 18: A plan to bring more trees to one Baltimore City neighborhood is taking root. Today in Federal Hill - a pledge and a plan to plant dozens more.

February 19: Charities are always looking for new ways to energize donors. Now, a colorful twist on an old idea is looking good for the Cool Kids Campaign.

February 20: Baltimore hosting the Olympics in just over a decade? It's a possibility. Charm City may make a bid for the 2024 games.

February 21: Change is on the way to the Ravens, but it's not what you think. Tonight, more on the 35 million dollars worth of improvements coming to M-and-T Bank Stadium.

February 22: Cal Ripken, Junior is bringing out the stars, entrepreneurs and some of the greatest athletes of all time tonight. His 9th annual Aspire Gala just kicked off at the Marriott Waterfront.

February 23: Residents in North Baltimore may be hearing a loud bang in the morning. BGE crews plan to demolish a decommissioned natural gas storage tank.

February 24: A huge eye sore in North Baltimore comes crashing down. B-G-E implodes and old natural gas tank. Tonight the implosion will help BGE update its system.

February 25: Rappers Pitbull and Macklemore & Ryan Lewis will headline the Preakness infield concert at Pimlico Race Course in May.

February 26: The hospital ship "Comfort" no longer calls Baltimore home. After a 25-year relationship, the Navy has decided to move on.

February 28: You watch them perform at every Ravens home game....on Saturday you can see if you have what it takes to become a Baltimore Ravens cheerleader.

March 1: U-S Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor visited Baltimore last night, giving several hundred people a chance to hear about the high court and her journey there.

March 2: As spring approaches, many girls are getting ready for the prom. But, the cost of attending is soaring. Tonight- prom can be like a wedding... When it comes to the price tag but a local organization is helping out.

March 3: Baltimore County's newest spa is open for business. Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake was on hand for the grand opening of "Nay-Ha Spa and Salon" in Pikesville yesterday.

March 4: Unsanitary and dangerous.. That's how the city describes a homeless encampment under the J-F-X downtown. Now people living there have until Friday to move out.

March 5: The Orioles have set aside an afternoon to pay tribute to the late Earl Weaver. On Saturday April 20th, they will hold "A Celebration of Earl" at Oriole Park.

March 7: A Maryland National Guard unit, already deployed four times since 9-11, is being sent overseas again. We joined them at the Parkville Armory for the send-off.

March 9: A statue of former Volts player Lenny Moore is coming to Baltimore. Today a committee met at the Enoch Pratt Library to choose between two sculpture designs of the N-F-L player.

March 10: Irish culture is celebrated in downtown Baltimore today. Thousands crowded streets and sidewalks for the 58th annual Baltimore Saint Patrick Parade.

March 11: Team 26, a group of cyclists who started their 400 mile trek Newtown Connecticut stops in Baltimore on their way to Washington DC.

March 12: He's been repairing shoes in Charm City for nearly four decades....and over the years he's helped thousands of customers. Tonight, more on an amazing man and the end of an era in West Baltimore.

March 13: A day of celebration in Vatican City. After two days in conclave, the church chooses Francis the First, as the new Pope. Tonight, we have reaction to the news from local Catholics.

March 14: They're your friends and neighbors....and they're in Baltimore every day helping the community and the Red Cross. Some hometown heroes will be honored at a major event in Baltimore tomorrow night.

March 15: Crab cakes....coddies....salads and a whole lot more. It's all part of a major fund raising effort at a Canton church. Tonight, more on a 75-year-old tradition and the St Casimira Coddie Crew.

March 16: Maryland is one of many states experiencing a blue crab shortage.

March 17: Baltimore gets another chance to shine in the international spotlight. Soccer teams from across North and Central America will compete in Charm City for The Gold Cup.

March 18: N-F-L players from all 32 teams are in Baltimore tonight. They're being honored with an Ed Block Courage Award.

March 19: If you like designer clothes at bargain prices, then Hunt Valley is the place to be this weekend -- thousands of items will be up for sale at one of Baltimore's biggest springtime events.

March 20: When a landmark North Baltimore restaurant went up in flames-- Baltimore firefighters fought the fire back, and managed to save some of the historic building. Now, the re-built Mount Washington Tavern is thanking those emergency responders!

March 22: Gwynns Run gets a mass clean up today. City workers haul away tons of trash and debris from the watershed.

March 23: Nearly a thousand young Catholics walk in the annual young adult pilgrimage here in Baltimore.

March 24: Political leaders and local church parishioners gather at City Hall for the annual Blessing Of The City.

March 25: Baltimore's Jewish community begins the celebration of Passover. This is the burning of the chometz, getting rid of all leavened bread before Passover.

March 26: Active U-S military members will now be allowed to skip the long security lines at B-W-I Thurgood Marshall Airport.

March 27: After months of repairs following the east coast earthquake... Baltimore's historic Basilica is set to reopen... Just in time for Easter.

March 28: You've probably never heard of the Maryland Oyster Patrol Police...but you know their successors. Today, the Maryland Natural Resource Police floated in, and rolled out their newest and oldest pieces of equipment.

March 29: Closer to home, the faithful are making Good Friday with worship and prayer.

March 30: Spring is in the air and Opening Day is just around the corner. This weekend, Orioles fans are getting fired up.

March 31: A special holy day for Christians around the world... As Easter celebrations kicked off this morning including at Baltimore's Basilica for a very special mass.

ON TIME

January 6: Dr. Carla Hayden tells Gigi Barnett about a new grant that allows the Pratt Library to purchase more eBooks and ereaders for their patrons. Librarians are offering “e” classes to explain how to borrow both the ereaders and how to download free e books. She also discusses the upcoming events featuring famous authors including Terry McMillan who is the keynote speaker at this year’s booklover’s breakfast.

January 6: Daphne Alston and Mildred Samy tell Gigi Barnett why they formed a new group, Mothers of Murdered Sons of Maryland, as a way to reach out to other parents who have lost a child due to violence. They discuss how they both lost a son to violence and what they want to do to prevent more unnecessary deaths.

January 13: The homeless population in Maryland continues to grow with more women and children falling into this group according to Kevin Lindamood, President and CEO of Health Care for the Homeless. He tells Kai Jackson how the homeless have a multitude of health related problems and 70% do not have health insurance. He describes the programs and services they receive at his facilities in Baltimore City, Frederick, and Harford, Montgomery and Baltimore Counties.

January 27: Kai Jackson talks with Susan King and Gregory Cooke about the documentary film, “Invisible Warriors: African American Women in World War II.” Mrs. King talks about going to work at Eastern Aircraft based in Baltimore and how this opened doors to her that had been shut to her as an African American and as a woman. Mr. Cooke talks about his inspiration for the documentary and how this is an untold history of the second world war.

January 27: The Center for Remarkable Women serves to strengthen women spiritually, emotionally and mentally by providing a full range of services to make women realize their potential. She tells Kai Jackson about the upcoming free health fair that offers a variety of health screenings to exercise tips.

February 24: The Omega Baltimore fraternity has taken over the running of one of the city’s closed recreation centers. Fraternity brothers Otho Thompson and Zanes Cyress tell Kai Jackson about the need to offer positive activities in the Easterwood/Coppin Heights neighborhood and how their remodeled rec center offers computer lessons in addition to physical fitness.

March 3: Food is the common denominator between NACE, Moveable Feast and Uncorked, a fundraiser that brings together top caterers, florists and event planners. Cate Buscher describes how NACE, the National Association of Catering Executives works with local food organizations including Moveable Feast, a nonprofit that provides nutritional meals for critically ill home-bound families.

March 17: Dick Gelfman’s Ride Across Maryland has raised over \$2.3 million for breast cancer programs in the free state. David Greenberg, a board member and former president of the non-profit organization tells Kai Jackson about plans to make the 13th annual event a one day motorcycle ride from the Mall in Columbia to Blob’s Park where a music festival will be held. Popular local, regional and a national band will perform.

March 31: Kai Jackson talks with Karen Barbour and Judy McGovern about the upcoming Girl Scouts of Central Maryland’s Distinguished Woman’s Award Reception. Ms. McGovern explains how the women are selected based on their professional and civic accomplishments. Each honoree is assigned a Girl Scout who gets to shadow them for a day and then reports on the mentorship at the awards reception.

Education - Eyewitness News did a story on...

January 3: A pair of Baltimore County elementary schools are honoring the young lives lost in Newtown Connecticut in their own special way.

January 7: Governor Martin O'Malley wants to allocate 336 million dollars to school construction projects next year.

January 9: Baltimore County school leaders say they'll hire more teachers in the upcoming school year. In tonight's School Watch, safety workers are also on the "help wanted" list.

January 10: Maryland schools get top marks for the 5th consecutive year. Education week magazine ranks the state's schools number one in the nation.

January 10: Hundreds of students at a trade school in Columbia are locked out when they showed up for classes this week. The school was struggling to pay bills and now students have no way to finish their education.

January 12: 87 students at the US Naval Academy will have a special role in the President's Inaugural Parade this month.

January 14: Harsh criticism of Morgan State University's embattled president. Tonight WJZ has obtained a confidential letter blasting Dr David Wilson for his performance leading the university.

January 15: Worries of another Newtown shooting turns child's play into suspensions at an Eastern Shore elementary school. The local controversy has parents saying administrators took things too far.

January 17: Recent storms in Maryland downed thousands of trees and power lines. It's a dangerous problem that BGE recently asked local elementary schools to take on with a contest to make the best safety video.

January 22: The trauma of the Newtown school massacre has evolved into various calls for action, some right here in Maryland. That includes steps currently underway in all 24 of the state's school districts.

January 23: As students report for the spring semester at the University of Maryland College Park, campus police have a warning for students.

January 28: School buildings in dire need of repair. For years- WJZ has told you about the problems with Baltimore City schools. Tonight- the new plan under discussion right now.

January 29: its a million dollar project to help keep students safe from gun violence in school. More tonight on the nearly 4-million dollar initiative and why principals are backing the idea.

February 8: The United States lags behind other countries when it comes to preparing students for science, engineering and math courses. One group of Baltimore writers believes that more media attention could boost the number of interested students.

February 19: It's a unique fundraiser...and it will bring hundreds of people together Saturday at Boys' Latin school. Thanks to a determined family and some local schools, thousands of dollars will be raised to fight cystic fibrosis.

February 20: Another encouraging sign Maryland's students are the best prepared in the nation. More Maryland students passed the difficult advanced placement exams last year than in any other state in the nation.

February 21: Making high marks... Maryland schools outpace the rest of the nation when it comes to college readiness. Now, school leaders statewide are seeing another encouraging trend among minority students, who take advance placement classes.

February 25: Baltimore school officials are heading to Annapolis this evening. They are rallying in support of legislation to renovate or rebuild up to 65 city schools.

February 28: The skyrocketing cost of college has been on hold statewide for the last few years. And Governor O'Malley's proposed budget will keep it that way. Hundreds of students rallied tonight in Annapolis to back it.

March 1: Research on school violence finds that by the time a child leaves middle school, there is a 90 percent chance they have been bullied. In recent years... School districts have beefed up efforts to change the culture. Tonight, Baltimore County schools begin what they hope will be an annual campaign.

March 2: A high-profile name is donating To Baltimore City Public Schools. It's all to kick off an instrument drive. Barry Manilow donated a Yamaha piano to the school system.

March 4: Students around the state are preparing for some important exams this week. The M-S-A's or Maryland School Assessment tests are given to all children in grades 3-through-8 to test reading and math levels. Ravens wide receiver Torrey Smith and his fiancée want to make sure everyone is ready.

March 11: As cardinals meet in Rome to select a new pope... Hundreds of Baltimore area students get some inside information about the process. Tonight we go into a classroom, with connections.

March 12: A Baltimore Raven turns cheerleader for academics. In tonight's School Watch-- Torrey Smith and his fiancée-- a 4th grade teacher, are rapping to encourage students to study for a state wide standardized test.

March 13: Some bittersweet news today for Johns Hopkins University. The university medical school dropped to number three in the new U.S. News and World report graduate school rankings.

March 14: Sometimes to solve a problem, you need a little help. That's what hundreds of Baltimore City students will get for the next week thanks to a group of Howard University students.

March 15: It's one of the most important days in the lives of medical students. Match day.

March 18: A Baltimore County school gets a much needed face lift. Leaders cut the ribbon on a 48-hundred foot addition to Milford Mill Academy.

March 21: In tonight's school watch...Baltimore County's school superintendent plans to put a computer in every student's hand...and require more foreign languages. He rolled out this five-year plan today.

March 26: A student known for causing controversy on the campus of Towson University is now taking the law into his own hands...to tackle crime around campus. But his plan is raising eyebrows.

March 27: Libraries are in the business of loaning books, entertainment, and digital items. In tonight's school watch-- Harford County is putting together special plastic boxes filled with materials which will teach preschoolers and keep their parents happy.

March 29: The Senate approves a bill to spend a billion dollars to upgrade city schools.

ON TIME

January 20 & February 3:: Kai Jackson talks with the 2013 Maryland Teacher of the Year, Rhonda Blankenship and with Dr. Darla Strouse about the program that recognizes the very best teachers from each jurisdiction in addition to the top teacher that represents the state in the nationwide program. Ms. Blankenship discusses her career starting with how she almost dropped out of high school before her cheerleading coach turned her life around. She mentors students in Cecil County who struggle to overcome economic situations that preclude many from attending four year colleges.

January 27: Early childhood education is important to get youngsters ready to enter kindergarten. Emily Samuels tells Kai Jackson about the programs offered at Celebree and how they follow a curriculum outlined by the Maryland State Department of Education. She discusses how they help children develop skills needed to transition into the school setting.

February 10: Life-long learning is the mission behind the Renaissance Institute held on the campus at Notre Dame of Maryland University. Representatives Kathryn Pettus and Bill Miller tell Kai Jackson about the diversity of courses offered to those over 50 years of age and how the classes are designed and taught by member students. Class topics range from current events, literary discussions, art instruction and educational tours.

March 10: The South Baltimore Learning Center has been helping adults who dropped out of school get their high school diploma. Angela Johnson tells Gigi Barnett how her experiences at the South Baltimore Learning Center helped her to earn her high school diploma and fueled her desire to keep learning which she is doing at Anne Arundel Community College. Sonia Socha discusses how their program works with adult students regardless of their reading and math levels. Their program has expanded as the need has grown and they receive 50% of their funding from government grants and the remaining amount from the upcoming gala event.

March 31: Mary Hastler, director of the Harford County Public Library and Lisa Henkel, senior program director for Celebree Learning Centers tell Kai Jackson about their new Little Leapers program that introduces the STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) concepts to children up to age 5 through a series of interactive kits that parents can check out from the library system for up to a week. Each kit contains items from safari jackets, hats, magnifying glasses, animal figures, etc that support the STEM based curriculum.